

CITY OF LYNDON, KENTUCKY

LYNDON ETHICS COMMISSION

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND NOTICE OF MOOTNESS

Complainant: Sharon R. Morris

Respondent: Council Member Vicky Stanley

This matter came before the City of Lyndon Ethics Commission on September 23, 2025, at Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Road. The hearing was conducted before the Lyndon Ethics Commission, consisting of Chairperson Mera Kathryn Corlett and members Malick Diallo and Calvin Shaak.

After notice to both parties, the Commission convened a public hearing, received sworn testimony, reviewed documents, and provided the opportunity for all parties to be heard. The Commission now enters the following findings and conclusions, reflecting not only the facts but also the spirit of fairness and mutual respect with which this matter was considered.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about July 21, 2025, Vicki Resnick, a resident, hand-delivered a letter to City Clerk Stacey Woodward sometime that afternoon, asking that it be provided to each member of the Lyndon City Council. The exact time of delivery was not firmly established.
2. The City Clerk copied the letter and included it with the meeting materials prepared for the Council's regular meeting that evening.
3. A few minutes before the meeting began, Council Member Vicki Stanley noticed the letter among the meeting documents. There was some uncertainty about the letter's purpose and whether its content was intended for inclusion on the meeting agenda.

4. Council Member Stanley expressed concern to the City Clerk about the inclusion of the letter. Lacking full context in the clerk's response about the letter's origin or purpose, and concerned that its inclusion in the agenda could be inflammatory, she removed the copies from council members' packets. In view of the public, she tore up the letters. Testimony indicated that she had consent from some, but not all, council members to remove them.
5. During the city council meeting's open floor, the complainant, Sharon Morris, inquired why Council Member Stanley had ripped the letter before the start of that evening's meeting. Council Member Stanley had no answer, but said she would ensure that all members would receive new copies of the letter.
6. Following the meeting, Council Member Stanley took the initiative to ensure that all council members received a copy of the letter, thereby resolving any practical concerns about access to the correspondence.
7. The Commission found that the material facts were not in dispute and that the Respondent acted promptly and transparently throughout the process.

II. COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS

The City of Lyndon's Code of Ethics, Section 38.02(B), encourages all city officials to uphold professional standards and conduct themselves with full regard to the public trust.

In this matter, the Commission recognizes that Council Member Stanley's actions arose from confusion about the letter's purpose and the appropriate process for distribution—not from any intent to suppress communication or cause harm. The Commission also acknowledges her willingness to promptly address the situation, to ensure all council members received the correspondence, and to express regret for how her actions may have been perceived.

The Commission therefore concludes that while the act of tearing up a resident's letter in public view did not reflect the level of professionalism expected under Section 38.02(B), it was an unintentional lapse in judgment made under unclear circumstances and fully corrected by the Respondent's subsequent actions and good faith.

III. RESOLUTION AND NOTICE OF MOOTNESS

Pursuant to Section 38.99(A)(1) of the City of Lyndon Code of Ethics, for any unintentional violation which has been voluntarily corrected by the officer prior to any action by the Ethics Commission, a Notice of Mootness shall be issued.

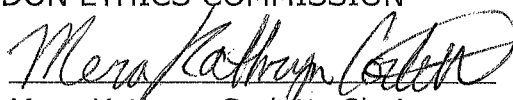
Because Council Member Stanley voluntarily corrected the matter before any Commission action and acted in good faith throughout the process, the Commission hereby issued a Notice of Mootness, concluding that the matter is resolved and requires no further action.

The Commission expresses its appreciation to both the Complainant and the Respondent for their cooperation, candor, and service to the community.

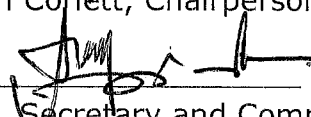
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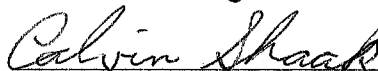
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By:


Mera Kathryn Corlett, Chairperson

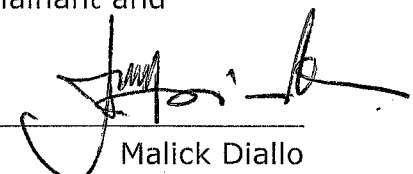
Attested:


Malick Diallo, Secretary and Commission Member


Calvin Shaak, Commission Member

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Notice of Mootness was furnished to the Complainant and Respondent on this the 21 day of OCTOBER, 2025.


Malick Diallo
Secretary, Lyndon Ethics Commission